



## HITS LIBERAL BROKEN PROMISES

### Last Call - - An SOS

I learn from the Provincial Office of the C.C.F. that less than half of the money required to meet the federal election campaign budget has been received. That is a serious situation.

The provincial board at a special meeting called for the purpose drew up a minimum budget and in complete confidence that the membership and supporters of our movement in the province would not let us down—they never have!—the Provincial Office was instructed to incur expenditures for radio and other advertising. The money hasn't come in to pay the bills.

I know this is a late date to call attention to this. Many will not get the paper until after the election is over. It takes the kind of loyalty only possessed by C.C.F. people to make contributions to an election fund after the election is over. It's like paying for a dead horse.

But C.C.F. people are not ordinary people. They do things that other people don't do.

The Provincial Office needs ten people who will send in a hundred dollars, twenty who will send fifty, forty who will send twenty-five, and two hundred who will send ten dollars. Because those amounts may not all be forthcoming there will have to be a lot of fives and twos and ones.

With great confidence and gratitude in anticipation, we leave it to you.

ELMER E. ROPER,  
Provincial Leader.

### A GREAT LEADER



M. J. COLDWELL, C.C.F. National Leader, whose dignified and sincere approach to the political problems confronting the Canadian people, has earned him the admiration and respect of friends as well as political opponents. As the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, Conservative newspaper, commented: "He is smart and able; deceptively mild, perhaps, but a fighter to his heels, with one of the best intellectual equipments Parliament has seen in our time. And when this is geared to experience, an enormous capacity for work, and an infinite capacity for detail, the combination adds up to a pretty formidable parliamentarian and party leader. . . . Agree with him or disagree with him, no one who knows him will question his deep, almost evangelical sincerity, or his earnest desire to be of service to his fellow-men." Whether in the role of opposition or government leader, the people can depend on "M.J." to fight their battle to the last ditch. With a large contingent of C.C.F. M.P.'s to support him he will be in a position to win concessions from a reluctant government even as Woods-ward and Heaps won old age pensions in 1926.

### Scores Failure To Keep 1945 Election Pledges

"Failing to implement the promises made in the 1945 campaign, the Liberals, according to the short memories of the electorate, now have the nerve to come before you in 1949 with the same promises," M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. national leader, told a public rally in the Edmonton Stock Pavilion on Thursday evening. Mr. Coldwell also addressed public meetings at Wetaskiwin, Kingman, Lacombe and Calgary.

The C.C.F. leader pointed out advertisements placed in the 1945 campaign containing Liberal promises which had never been fulfilled and which were again being presented in this campaign as a statement of Liberal policy.

He referred to the promise made in 1945 that consumer goods would soon be available at pre-war prices. But, said Mr. Coldwell, within two months the government had removed price ceilings and "today the dollar you have in your pocket is worth only .75 cents".

Another forgotten promise was in the 1945 Liberal campaign assured the electorate of: "50,000 low cost homes immediately; 100,000 each year for 10 years, with payments as low as \$9.58 a month". In order to refute the C.C.F. charge that the Liberals were not doing anything about housing, there was much newspaper publicity with photographs showing Hon. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, at the Norgate housing project. But next morning an advertisement appeared advertising 80 apartments at Norgate for rent at the following prices: 3½ rooms \$72.50; 4½ rooms \$75 to \$85; and 5 rooms \$96. "There," said Mr. Coldwell, "was an example of Liberal promises and performance." These "low-rental homes" were headed, but, the C.C.F. leader pointed out, "they didn't need to be heated—the tenants were hot enough paying for them."

Old Age Pensions. . . . Although there had been the promise also of higher old age pensions there was no substantial increase until immediately prior to (Continued on Page 8)

### S.C. POLLS LESS THAN 3% B.C. VOTE

Speaking in Alberta last week, M. J. Coldwell referred to the fact that Social Credit, together with the Independents, polled less than 3% of the vote in the British Columbia provincial election.

Mr. Coldwell recalled that in the old days every king had a jester; "Alberta," he said, "has supplied the jester in the Canadian House of Commons in the person of Pat Ashby who keeps the House of Commons up-to-date on the mental processes of hogs. We are more interested in knowing what the people of East Edmonton are thinking about than we are in how the hogs are thinking," the C.C.F. leader commented.

Tories Are Out  
He predicted also that the Progressive Conservatives under Col. Drew would have fewer (Continued on Page 8)

### Lay-Offs in B.C. Start as Gov't Wins

VANCOUVER, (CPA).—It pays to advertise, no matter what you have to sell to the public. This was again proved in B.C. on June 15 when the Liberal-Conservative Coalition put over the be-whiskered "more jobs for more people."

By radio, press and billboards, the Coalition outspent the C.C.F. by 10 to 1, at least, to win. In last Wednesday's record vote, Coalition candidates polled about 62 per cent of the ballots, electing 40 members; the C.C.F. polled 35 per cent to elect six; and "others", including one elected Independent and the perennial Tom Uphill from Fernie, received four per cent of the total.

6 Elected  
C.C.F. candidates Leo Nimsick and Rupert Hagen were the only new members to come through in the Interior. In Cranbrook riding, Nimsick defeated the Coalition nominee, the mayor of Kimberley, by less than a hundred votes. Hagen also won by less than 100 over the sitting member, Tom Love, in Grand Forks-Greenwood.

Only four of the eleven C.C.F. members in the 20th Legislative were re-elected: Harold Winchur (Continued on Page 8)

### PERSONAL STUFF

BY  
E. E. R.



When I was driving somewhere last week I had the radio on in the car and one of the speeches I heard was one by Solon Low. It was all about two ways of life, one represented by the C.C.F. and the Liberals, the other by Social Credit. The Progressive Conservatives were not mentioned, no doubt for a good reason. Bedfellows. But we and the Liberals were advocates of "statism" and therefore represented something anti-Christian, or something. That was the thesis. In developing it Mr. Low was running true to form. Would you be surprised if I told you he said something like this? "How futile to talk of balancing the budget, of appropriating money for European recovery. . . . How stupid to talk of combatting Communism while supplying Communists the tools with which they work and the vehicles on which they ride to power—a debauched currency and a regimented economy. . . . Under the tutelage of Prof. Harold Laski and the late John Maynard Keynes, pseudo economists from the London School of Economics. . . . a managed economy and managed currency perpetuated under the Bretton Woods monetary agreement means economic chaos, anarchy, and war. Sound money means peace and economic recovery. . . ."

Same old stuff. But wait a minute! Mr. Low didn't say that at all. Something like it, yes. But what I have quoted wasn't said (Continued on Page 8)

### 50,000 MORE VOTES FOR C.C.F. IN B.C.

"In spite of the loss of several seats in the provincial election in British Columbia, the C.C.F. polled 50,000 more votes than in 1945, and obtained 35% of the total vote," M. J. Coldwell pointed out in addressing public meetings in Alberta last week. (Six C.C.F. candidates were elected on June 15 and will form the official opposition in B.C.).

He noted that the two old parties together secured 62% of the vote or an average of 31% each. Hence in the three-pmnered fight in the federal constituencies on June 27, he anticipated that "the C.C.F. will carry a much larger percentage of the seats." The 62% would give each of the old parties forming the Coalition 31% as against 35% for the C.C.F. Therefore if the provincial election had been fought on the (Continued on Page 8)

### BUSINESS FAILURES ARE ON THE INCREASE

OTTAWA (GPA).—Business failures in Canada are on the increase. During the first quarter of 1949 the number of commercial failures was 270, compared with 203 in the same period of 1948, 120 in 1947 and 54 in 1946. Back in 1939 the comparable figure was 371. Looks like getting back to normal.

### NO. P.W. JULY 9 AND 16

In conformity with the granting of two weeks' holiday with pay to all employees of the People's Weekly and the printing firm, there will be no issue of the paper on the dates of July 9 and 16.

### Protests Monopoly Control

## Urges Financial Power Be Vested in the People

"If the financial institutions of Canada are to serve the needs of the people they will have to be removed from private monopoly control," M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. National Leader, contended, speaking in Alberta last week. He cited a recent incident in Vancouver as illustrating how closely the banks and investment dealers work together, contrary to the interests of the people.

The city of Vancouver, acting on behalf of all the people of Vancouver, attempted, as it does each year, to float a bond issue covering certain capital cost, he explained. This year, instead of receiving

competitive bids from a number of bond dealers, the city was faced with one low bid from a syndicate representing six of our chartered banks and 22 investment firms.

Six Banks Get Together  
The six banks involved were the Royal Bank of Canada, the Bank of Montreal, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Imperial Bank of Canada, the Dominion Bank of Canada, and the Bank of Toronto. Together these banks control more than 80% of all the bank assets in Canada.

"When they unite with 22 investment firms to quote a single (Continued on Page 8)

# C.C.F. Candidate Debates With Blackmore

THE TOPIC of debate is: "Be it resolved that the C.C.F. find a social policy lends itself better to the distribution of goods and service in Canada than does the Social Credit Theory."

Let me say in the beginning that I believe Mr. Blackmore and I agree on several points. I find I agree with Mr. Blackmore that Social Credit has been used in various countries of the world including Canada during wars or in times of expanding economy, with varying degrees of success. In the First World War in Germany it was used to such an extent that the country went bankrupt. However it has not always been so disastrous. The thing that kept it from becoming disastrous was proper planning and controls, and there lies the basis for the argument between the Social Credit party and the C.C.F.

**Ownership of Banks Essential**  
The C.C.F. believe that controls are necessary and to properly plan our issue of credit and currency we believe ownership of the banks to be necessary. Ownership is the key by which you control anything. How long would you farm-ers be in control of your farms if one large company owned your farm, another owned your machinery, another owned your house and furniture, another company owned the right to sell your farm produce, while the banks still owned the right to expand or curtail your credit as they have done in the past?

**Barter Basis**  
In the first term of office the C.C.F. propose to take control of the banks of Canada (by purchase of course). By doing so it will be possible to finance our trade with foreign countries on a barter basis. Any money issued for this purpose will be sound and backed by the goods so purchased. One board will take the wheat and exchange it for British goods, bring them in and sell them, giving the full proceeds to the producers of Canada, thus eliminating the profits taken out by the big shots in their gambling and trading in our produce. This would increase the purchasing power of the people of Canada by the amount of the profits being taken out by the exporting companies.

**Large Scale Housing Plan**  
We also plan a large scale housing plan financed through the Bank of Canada; this money will be sound money too backed by the houses when built, and will be self-liquidating over a long period of years; by selling houses to low income groups without interest, and renting these houses to low income groups at less than the usual rent, otherwise a subsidized plan of rentals.

Building houses is one of the best methods of creating employment in times of adversity. Men are put to work all along the line in the lumber camps, in the saw mills, the carpenters, the plumbers and electricians, and those who

Only one of the candidates to accept the challenge of J. H. Blackmore, Social Credit candidate, to debate with him on the money question, W. W. Scott, C.C.F. candidate for Lethbridge, has forwarded the text of his speech to the People's Weekly. It is an excellent summing up of the C.C.F. position. The debate takes place on Friday of this week and will be broadcast over CJOC.

manufacture, these things, which will create a further demand for furniture and household appliances of all kinds.

Purchasing power will also be distributed through our national health plan which is a pre-paid plan but will be subsidized to a certain extent from the national treasury, thus leaving part of the wages now being spent on doctor and hospital bills, in the pockets of the workers to be spent on other things. Our C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan has been able to do this without access to bank credit.

Our overall social security program would also be on a subsidized plan, giving security to all Canadians from the cradle to the grave. With pensions for all at the age of 65, which at the present time we claim should be no less than \$50.00 per month, and without the means test. This pension would be made available to all who are incapacitated for work regardless of age. Here again purchasing power will be put in the hands of those who need it most. But—planning and controls—are necessary to carry out such a program.

**S.C. Scores Controls**

The war was won only because we did plan as a nation but the Social Credit M.P.'s do not believe in controls. Mr. Low said in the House of Commons, when lifting of controls was under discussion: "Social Credit does not believe in bureaucratic controls" and they voted with the Liberals and Conservatives for the lifting of controls and thus lowered your standard of living. Mr. Blackmore does not believe in public ownership of the banks or apparently in controlling them if it is going to hurt the banks. On June 5, 1943, as recorded, on page 3103, of Hansard, the Minister of Finance said to Mr. Blackmore: "The honorable member seems to argue part 52 of the time that we should run the banks. That is the policy of the C.C.F." He seems to object to the private banking system. Instead of allowing the banks a profit on the carrying on of banking activities, he suggests the government should carry them on, and as presumably he would say that the government should have the profit themselves, that Social Credit's position?"

Mr. Blackmore replied in these words:

"No, that is not quite correct. The Social Credit movement believes that the banks can work for the government. It may be quite all right for the government to buy the banking system. We would never favor having the government seize it or cause any harm to the bankers."

May I suggest that if the Social Credit party do not hurt the banks by taking away some of their

control of finance, they won't help the people of Canada very much.

**Never Tried to Establish S.C.**

We only have one Social Credit government in the world and I believe Mr. Blackmore will agree with me that except for the issue of Prosperity Certificates, they have never tried to establish Social Credit.

I still say that Prosperity Certificates might have worked only that the people of Alberta had no confidence in them. They had no confidence because the



W. W. SCOTT, C.C.F. candidate in Lethbridge, who is closely associated with farm, co-op and community projects, has been outstandingly successful as a farmer in both dry and irrigated areas. He is a past president of the Lethbridge Northern Beet Growers' Association. A member of the Lethbridge Northern Advisory Committee, he was also a director of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, the Picture Bay Consumers' Co-operative Association and of the Junior Farmers' Club. He is past master of the Local A.F. and A.M. Lodge and is a member of the United Church.

premier himself and the cabinet did not believe in them. They refused to accept them for taxes, and the cabinet and M.L.A.'s refused to accept them for their salaries and pensional indemnities. So how could they work when not even the premier of the province had confidence in them?

In order to be acceptable to the people, money is required to have one of two things behind it. The whole-hearted confidence of the people or an away-to-it enforce it. By this I mean when I put out a \$1.00 bill from my pocket (which is merely a promise to pay) the thing that makes it valuable is that anyone will accept it without question for any goods or services he has to sell.

As Propounded by Douglas, "The only Social Credit government in the world which has been in power for 14 years has never given us a plan for the application of Social Credit, so we must go to the founder, Major C. H. Douglas, to find how it works."

Our Ginger Group at Olds (who were the founders of the C.C.F.) were responsible for having Mr. Douglas brought to Canada in 1923 to give evidence on banking and commerce.

Mr. Douglas in his book, "The Alberta Experiment", pays tribute to Mr. Irvine, Mr. Spencer and James Woodsworth (who later became the leader of the C.C.F.) for their assistance to him in presenting his views on banking and credit. And in March, 1946, recommended to Mr. Aberhart that Mr. Spencer be consulted about a plan for Alberta. So you see, the C.C.F. studied Social Credit before it was generally known in Alberta, and while we thoroughly agreed with the Major about the monopolistic nature of banking and what was wrong with it, we thought his cure for it was as bad as the disease.

**S.C. Totalitarianism**

When the depression came in 1930, like a lot of other farmers I was searching for a way out. I studied Social Credit and discarded it because it would mean state ownership of all private property. You don't believe me? Then read again the draft "Social Credit scheme for Scotland", starting on page 295 of the book, "Social Credit", by Major C. H. Douglas. The first step was "obtained from existing sources such as company balance sheets, land registration offices and insurance companies, such information necessary to place a money valuation upon the whole of the capital assets of Scotland, such as land, roads, bridges, railways, canals, buildings, drainage and water schemes, minerals and semi-processed materials. No distinction between public and private property against this, then was to be issued. Credit and interest would be paid on the total amount, and from the interest dividends would be paid."

Could Joe Stalin have devised a scheme any more totalitarian, "as once credit was issued against the property it could not be mortgaged. In other words it was the property of the state."

**Even Human Beings**

This is not all. He also proposed issuing credit to the amount of \$10,000 against every individual. That surely would be the ultimate in socialization to socialize human beings.

In clause (2) he says "as from the initiation of this scheme the holding of any stock, bond, share by a holding company or trustee will not be recognized." That sounds like confiscation by me.

Further on in the same paragraph he says "no transfer of real estate directly between either persons or business undertakings will be recognized." Persons or business undertakings' desires, to relinquish control of property will do so, to the government. "You will notice here it does not even say sell, but says, relinquish."

On page 210, clause 9, it says "wage rates in all organized industries will be reduced by 25 per cent." I wonder how organized labor would like that? But listen to this: "Any trade union, violating a wage agreement to reduce its membership liable to suspension of national dividend for further along this."

"For a period of five years after the initiation of this scheme, failure on the part of any individual to accept employment in whatever trade, business or vocation he was classified in the last census, under conditions recognized as suitable to that employment (unless exempted on a medical certificate), will

render such individual liable to suspension of benefit in respect of national dividend."

This, then, is the scheme for Scotland. Is it any wonder Scotsmen never introduced it there or that it never spread to England. This would be totalitarianism of the worst kind. You would be told where to work, denied the right to strike, could not sell your stocks or bonds, and the only use you could make of property would be to live on it, and instead of selling it to your neighbor, when you were through with it, you would relinquish it to the state.

**Afraid of Schemers**

Since Mr. Blackmore has never repudiated Major Douglas, I presume he still stands for this scheme, but for my part it is much too bureaucratic for me. Is it Communism? Or is it the corporate state like Mussolini had in Italy? The C.C.F. rejected it because it is too socialist for us. The C.C.F. are not afraid of planners, but they are afraid of schemers.

What is Social Credit anyway? There is a political party called Social Credit, but I believe Social Credit should be defined as the combined credit of all of us together. But if we believe in private property at all, we must believe that there is such a thing as individual credit, which must be left for the individual to use as he sees fit.

The credit the C.C.F. would issue through the Bank of Canada would be sound money based on publicly owned property.

No credit or currency would be issued by printing press, without good backing behind it, and it would all have to be planned carefully, as every dollar issued would immediately become a charge against existing goods and services and if careful planning were not done, it would be merely another form of taxation.

**Whose Goods?**

Mr. Blackmore talks about issuing money against surplus goods. I would like to know whose goods? For instance, wheat is liable to be one of our major surpluses every year. Now, suppose a farmer has a granary full of wheat. Mr. Blackmore issues \$2,000 purchasing power, will the wheat be the backing for the currency? If so, then the government would own the farmer's wheat. Then how is it to be distributed? Will the government sales agency be set up to trade it for other goods overseas?

The C.C.F. believe money must be backed by the wealth of the country but not by private property, and we do not hold with the idea that banks create money by the stroke of a pen with nothing behind it.

For instance, if I walk into a bank for a loan and get it, the banker has set up new purchasing power in the form of a deposit. But that money is not without backing, nor is it backed by the assets of the bank. It is backed, however, by his assets. In other words, if I had nothing, when I went into the bank, I still had nothing when I came out, but I had a hog, a cattle or other assets when I went in, then the banker merely monetized them, so to speak. That, of course, is what money sound, and the people of Canada have confidence in it, not because it has any relationship to gold, but because it represents goods and services.

Does Mr. Blackmore agree with me that interest should be reduced?

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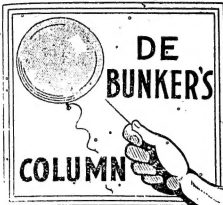
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# THE PEOPLE SPEAK



## OUR TASK IS TIMELESS

A sympathetic friend asked me the other day: "What makes the Socialist so persistent and determined in his effort in spite of frequent 'let-downs' by the very people whose cause he champions? Why don't you stay down for the 'count'?" said my friend. Which made me chuckle. But he was quite serious and puzzled. He asked a civil question and I gave him a civil reply.



I said it was because Socialists are crusaders inspired with a vision that is burning like a flame in their hearts. We cannot put it out.

Perhaps it is part of the great scheme of things that some people come into this world with social consciousness as part of their emotional equipment. Others have no trace of it. Like some people are naturally musical, in their make-up, while others, and I am one of them, can hardly remember a tune.

Perhaps we are more sensitive in our nervous make-up. When we hear the cry for social justice, something impels us to respond to it, while thousands of other people will not rise from their easy chairs. They have no social consciousness. We Socialists, on the other hand, cannot rest as long as the wail of those in distress rings in our ears. We often disregard our own comfort, take personal risks and make sacrifices that must seem foolish to a lot of other people.

Maybe we are a bit like those thousands of young men who would over, who forsake their homes and comforts to fight for democracy. Yes, and to die, and be maimed for life. Of course, my compassion is exaggerated, because we have not been called upon to make such sacrifices. What we do, really, isn't a great deal. We give of our limited resources; perhaps 5% to 10% of our income for "the cause". We pass up some personal opportunities or comforts and lose a lot of sleep. We give of our time and talent. That's about all. It isn't much to brag about, but multiplied a thousandfold, it adds up to a people's movement such as the C.C.F.

I often think of us Socialists as pioneers in a social wilderness. The obstacles are formidable. Our tools are limited. But we have a vision of what this "jungle" can be transformed into. That vision drives us to persistent effort. Something like the Rochdale co-operators. Vision and faith and a burning sense of social responsibility. Plus knowledge and understanding of the social and economic forces that move society to new goals.

Of course, we are intensely human and feel the pangs of disappointment. But not discouragement. We know the record of others who before us have surmounted greater obstacles before success crowned their efforts. We know that the economic forces for the co-operative way of life are maturing rapidly within our society. We see the storm

## SOCIAL CREDIT HYPOCRISY

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I read with satisfaction the Rev. H. S. Smith's remarks in your recent edition.

Just recently, in what Social Credit calls its "Back to the Bible Hour", Mr. Manning referred to the story of Jonah's visit to Nineveh. Jonah is recorded as having saved Nineveh from impending doom in forty days.

The title of Mr. Manning's professedly religious sermon, with subtle political intention, was, "Forty days! Where do you stand in the picture today?"

That broadcast Mr. Manning told us was carried on all the important stations of Western Canada. It costs a lot of money. How many Social Credit votes did it win?

Surely, some people remember how by the same methods of sacreligious use of the Bible in 1934 and 1935 this province was handed over for exploitation into the hands of the people's enemies!

I believe that most people object to the methods of religious deceit that Social Credit uses, but it is a psychological fact, well known to the promoters of frauds, that persons can be influenced collectively by methods to which they individually object. The overall reaction to Social Credit's religious pretensions is that they must have some relationship to truth.

You whose privilege it is at this time to speak on political platforms make use of your opportunities. Don't beat around the bush. Social Credit is all lies; religious lies, social lies, economic lies. It is a campaign against the social safety of humanity cleverly adorned by religious pretensions. It is Fascism so cleverly decorated by falsity that its rotten frame is almost completely obscured. It started as the same line as Hitlerism and from its infancy it had all the markings of the beast.

You have the responsibility on behalf of the rank and file of truth-lovers, such as myself, to speak on our behalf. You have about forty days in which to do it. For the sake of all we respect collectively and individually get out and tell the truth and shame the devil.

JOHN F. MILNER.

Fallis, Alta.

## FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Last night my wife and I attended Tommy Douglas's meeting. It was the biggest and most encouraging one held for many a long day. The hall, with a seating

capacity of 3,000, was jam-packed full with hundreds standing. As I sat there thinking back over thirty to forty years ago, I almost had to pinch myself to see if I really was awake. Had it been Drew or the prime minister's meeting you would have seen big headlines in your daily papers. It would not surprise me if the Douglas meeting is scarcely mentioned.

Recently at a small village up the valley two meetings were held. At Boss Johnson's (B.C. premier) meeting, 72 were present. Across the road 268 were gathered to hear Harold Winch, but only one meeting was mentioned in the press. Guess which one!

Of course, it's the people who stay home and only read newspapers that are the great majority that counts. Oh, boy, if you only had the price of the full page ads. they see every day, not one page only but several, you could take a trip around the world in your own private yacht.

Here's wishing real success to the Alberta section of the C.C.F.

Yours,

TOM RUSSELL.

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Hollyburn, B.C.

## VOTING FOR PRINCIPLES

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I was much pleased when a day or two ago the news came over the air that George Edson had been named as C.C.F. candidate for Bow River. I was wondering what we would do on June 27. I always vote, but up until now there has been no better man's choice. I would never vote Liberal for various reasons; could not lower my ideals to take a chance on "Progressive" Conservative; but when it comes to "non-progressive" or merely "conservative" it is hopeless.

Now (though I can't take a very active part in the campaign), like many more in Bow River I will have a chance to register my vote where it will count in the aggregate across Canada, even if we don't elect our candidate.

Here's hoping everyone interested in Christian principles will get out and vote for our man. If it's worth doing, the C.C.F. will have to do it.

In provincial matters, I keep wondering what deal was made

between the government and Canadian Utilities? It looks like a very brazen turn-about has been done by the corporation since the provincial election, re rural power contracts.

It seems that before the election the power company had a very attractive contract and any who signed up then had to put up very little cash to get the service. But with the phony vote on rural power, supposedly favoring private companies (though I have always suspected "funny work" in the Vermilion vote or counting) the contracts now call for a down payment of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for each user. This is said to be offset by a lower rate, but there is nothing to insure that the rate can't be raised on some pretext, and, of course, the company owns the lines. If anyone doubts this he can learn first-hand from farmers in the Orkney or Wayne districts, where negotiations are under way.

Letters to the editor may be published under a pseudonym, but in each case the name and address of the writer, must be forwarded to the editor as evidence of good faith. The People's Weekly takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents and will not publish any letters exceeding 300 words in length.

Last election was a huge "sell-out" for the farmers and labor in Alberta.

HAPPY VOTER.

## BRITISH CONTRACTS

### A BIG HELP TO U.S.

OTTAWA (CPA) — Business men have admitted that Britain's Socialist economy is saving the world from the effects of another U.S. depression!

"Babson's Canadian Reports", important business bulletin, describes in its June 13 issue the effect on Atlantic trade of Britain's long-term contracts. A disastrous slump in the price of raw products may be prevented by reason of these stabilizing contracts.

Says the "Reports":

"Despite many statements to the contrary, Britain is still the linchpin of world prosperity; consequently, a recovery on a basis which seems more stable than heretofore would undoubtedly tend to brake recession tendencies in the United States."

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## A "MUST" FOR CANADIANS

THERE IS nothing the people of Canada can do on Monday that will benefit them more than the election of C.C.F. candidates. Whether as the government of the country or as a large opposition group, possibly holding the balance of power, the C.C.F. can save Canada and its people in a most important way in the next four or five years.

There is no observer of Canadian public affairs, certainly no trained observer such as the members of the parliamentary press gallery who would not agree that the C.C.F. has already exercised a powerful influence on the legislation passed in the House of Commons in the past few years. Correspondents of almost all newspapers represented at Ottawa have commented repeatedly on this fact:

Beginning with old age pensions in the twenties, the persistence of J. S. Woodsworth, and the fact that he and a colleague held the balance of power in the House for a brief period, literally forced Mr. Mackenzie King to make the concession of his position in parliament. That is a matter of record. And in the intervening period measure after measure, first popularized by the C.C.F., and at first resisted by the Liberal party, has been passed when public opinion, led by the C.C.F., has demanded enactment. This too is a matter of record.

In the next four or five years there is likely to be greater need than ever for a strong C.C.F. contingent at Ottawa. Signs beginning to show over the horizon indicate some heavy weather ahead. Markets for our products are dwindling. Unemployment is growing. Uneasiness is being felt. If the country heads into a depression, or even a "recession", the presence of a strong C.C.F. group in parliament will have a salutary effect on the actions of the government in power.

A people's "watchdog" in the form of a large C.C.F. section of the House of Commons is almost "a must" for Canadians in the next four or five years.

## ANOTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT

THE OTHER day, leaders of the trade union movement were rejoicing, and rightly so, over the announcement made at Ottawa to the effect that union dues henceforth would be reckoned as deductible from income in making income tax returns.

Yes, it was good news for the trade unionists. But it was also another illustration of the value of having a group like the C.C.F. in parliament.

Early this year the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, in a membership campaign, announced publicly that it had received word from Ottawa that the dues of Chamber of Commerce members would be deductible for income tax purposes. This announcement was sent to the C.C.F. group at Ottawa. The next day Stanley Knowles, C.C.F. whip, asked the Minister of National Revenue about it. The Minister replied that he was not in a position then to give a reply.

On the next day, April 28th, Mr. Knowles mentioned the matter again in a plea that union dues should be exempt from taxation. He called attention to the fact that lawyers' fees to the Bar Association, for example, were deductible from income for tax purposes.

The Minister said he'd look into it. A week before the election the announcement is made that from now on union dues will be exempt.

The government is to be commended for giving union workers the same concessions already given to members of Chambers of Commerce. But it was a good thing for union members that there was a C.C.F. group in parliament.

## THE BIG FLOP

THERE IS one phase of the election probabilities about which we can be reasonably certain. It is that there is not a ghost of a chance of George Drew heading the government of Canada after next Monday. If the campaign could have lasted a couple of weeks longer there might not have been any Conservatives elected.

Unquestionably the Conservative campaign has been one of the weakest in Canadian history, the worst part of it being Drew's own shoddy performance. Conceit, arrogance, and irresponsibility have been its predominant characteristics.

Drew in action in the national field has made a fool out of the clever publicity Johnnies who glorified him in the most elaborate personal build-up ever attempted in Canadian public life. Endowed with a fine physique Drew was "a natural" for this kind of promotion.

But the window dressing proved to be a deceit and a delusion. The goods have turned out to be a shoddy imitation. Drew is a dismal flop, big in size, big in mouth, but small in all the qualities which should be possessed by the head of the government of an important nation.

## THE THIRD COLUMN

SOME "SHELFS"

M. J. Coldwell in Radio Talk:

"Housing is not the only field in which the Liberal government has been trying to dodge its responsibilities. Ever since the end of the war the government has been telling us that they had a great 'shelf' of public works which they could launch to meet any threat of mass unemployment. On February 9 of this year I asked the government just how many jobs they could provide when they launched these works. To my amazement the Minister of Reconstruction replied that a maximum of only 32,700 jobs could be provided by the construction of the public works which the government had planned. At the very moment the minister spoke, there were more than 35,000 unemployed in the Vancouver area alone and a depression hadn't officially started. If all the projects the government had planned had been concentrated in the city of Vancouver they would not have absorbed the unemployed in that city alone. It is a fair conclusion to say that the government has no plans for meeting mass unemployment."

## HUMANITARIANISM PAYS OFF

Glaesbehl Local Press, May 26:

"There is plenty of talk about the C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan and many people take pleasure in pointing out its failures. When one compares the social welfare work that the Saskatchewan government does with the work that Alberta does, our province should hang its head in shame. Alberta made a lot of fuss about child welfare a year ago, but nothing happened. The abuses in the Child Welfare Department are, reportedly, still there. Saskatchewan announced recently that it was 'closing the Moosomin jail because it didn't need the space. The reason for the improvement is that the new department of social welfare in Saskatchewan is really going after the problem of law breaking in a scientific way. A department of intelligent, qualified workers carefully studies and treats each individual committed to jail and makes efforts for rehabilitation after release. The result is the closing of a jail in a very short time after the introduction of a constructive program. This will be passed along to the taxpayers in very substantial ways. Maybe the C.C.F. in Saskatchewan, aren't so dumb after all."

## LIGHTEIN THEIR BURDEN

By Kenneth C. Rathbone,

CPA Correspondent

"Manchester, England.—Since Labor came to power in Britain in 1945 the burden on the lower income groups has been lightened. Labor budgets have aimed at increasing the toll on the wealthy while reducing taxation on useful people, white, hands, and brains create Britain's wealth. "During four years of Labor government a single man earning £300 (\$1,200) a year has had his income tax reduced by one-quarter; a married man earning £400 (\$1,600) a year has had a reduction of one-third. "By raising the various allowances, and the level at which incomes become liable to tax, the Labor government has relieved 3,750,000 people from paying income tax at all."

## Calling All Women Every Vote Counts

BY MARY R. CRAWFORD

THE C.C.F. has a big stake in this federal campaign. Granted that we are not likely to form the next government at Ottawa, still there is more than one way to win an election.

The situation today is very like, appalling like the situation in 1929. But there is also an important difference. In 1930 the Liberals called the election a little late. The depression was already upon us. So the Canadian voter, like Alice in the wilderness turned from Tweedle-

Dum to "Blat-our-way-into-the-

markets-of-the-world" Tweedledee. Five years later the poor Canadian Alice turned her back on Dee and appealed to Dum to get her out of the forest of poverty and misery. She knew no other choice. The C.C.F. was just beginning. It had not had time to clear a path.

Points to Depression

Today, 1949, depression is almost upon us again. "U.S. News and World Report", June 10, says: "Bank loans to business continue to spiral downward. Of the \$2,000,000,000 contraction since the December peak, 64 per cent has occurred since the beginning of April." If that is not deflation, the onset of depression, then I do not know the signs. As goes the United States, so goes Canada.

Social Security the Issue

Again Alice finds herself in the wilderness of another election. But here is the difference. This time, the Tweedles, Dum and Dee, are a little wary about chasing her around the circle of foreign markets. Now, they are ringing the changes on pensions, housing, public health. The capitalist press is a little uneasy. They try to brush it off by saying there is no issue in this campaign. But whether they like it or not, Social Security is the real issue. Make

no mistake about that. The people have made it the issue.

Give People the Facts That is the significant difference between 1929 and 1949. Democracy works slowly; but it does work. The people who gave a lead in bringing about this change are men like J. S. Woodsworth, Wm. Irvine, M. J. Coldwell. For two decades, through debate in parliament and on the hustings, C.C.F. members of the House of Commons have given the people the facts about the economic system and have urged reform.

Who is it presses all the time for better pensions? Knowles. Who is it insists all the time that Canada must make her proper contribution to world peace, and warns that undemocratic Franco Spain must not be included in the U.N. or the Atlantic Pact? Coldwell. Who is it, in one sentence, debunks forty minutes of double-talk? Irvine.

Watchdogs and Godfies The thirty-one C.C.F. members of parliament are the watchdogs and the godfies who check and pester and prod to get things done for the Canadian people. We must keep them there and add to their number. That is the C.C.F. job in this election. It is important.

Could Happen Again

If, as may well happen, the winner on June 27 has but a slim majority then, a strong group in the House of Commons like the sword of Damocles suspended over the heads of the government, might force them in 1950 to keep the promises they made to the Canadian people in 1945. That is how J. S. Woodsworth persuaded the Liberals to pass in 1926 the Pensions Act—they had promised in 1919. It could happen again.

Every Vote Counts

This is the C.C.F. stake in the present campaign. Every vote counts. Keep working all the way. You may be surprised on June 27, to learn how many Canadian Alices have at last discovered the path out of the forest into the sunlight of economic freedom and social justice.

Your Final Election Test

By Mrs. Nellie Peterson,

President, Alberta, C.C.F.

FINAL preparations for election day work in your poll should have been made by the time you read this. But just to make sure, give yourself a test on the following points:

1. Do you plan to be at the polling booth early, just to be certain that a C.C.F. scrutineer is on hand and that everything is in order?

2. (a) Have you offered to make your car available to bring in neighbors who either wise might have difficulty in getting to the poll?

(b) If you haven't done this, will you do so now, or on election morning?

3. Cars Needed? Have you made sure that several cars are available for getting out the late voters? For bringing in the mothers with little children who might find it difficult to get in to vote? Have you agreed to be back at

the poll with your car by not later

than 3 p.m.?

4. Don't forget—X marks the spot!

5. Remember to tell new voters that they mark their ballot with an 'X'; that if they spoil their ballot, they should not put it in the ballot box but should hand it to the Deputy Returning Officer, at the same time, telling him that the ballot is spoiled and asking for a new one.

6. Will you make election day, an all-day-long C.C.F. day?

People Not Parties

The day after the election will bring the headlines, "Win the Election?" But the headlines will be quite wrong! Either the people of Canada will have won the election by putting themselves in power through the C.C.F., or the people of Canada will have lost the election to the Big Shots.

The people can lose an election—but the C.C.F. cannot lose; its philosophy and principles are the guiding truths which mankind

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## ARNTSON AND COOK SPEAK AT RILEY

A C.C.F. meeting was held in the Community Hall, Riley, on June 13, with Mr. E. A. Moen presiding. Speakers were Ernie Cook and Alf Arntson, Hay Lakes, the federal candidate.

Mr. Arntson stated that post-war prosperity is coming to an end. "Big Business," he said, "has planned and will continue to plan for its own benefit. We, as a nation, must substitute planning by and for the people."

The C.C.F., stated Mr. Arntson, is really responsible for taking coarse grains off the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and placing them under the Wheat Board.

Mr. Cook said the C.C.F. is the most powerful force in the political arena today. The C.C.F. cannot be judged by the number of candidates elected but by the legislative measures it induces other parties to provide. The C.C.F. has a job to do in health, education, decent living conditions, he stated. Vote for Alf Arntson, concluded Mr. Cook, he is a returned man, young, well educated and a farmer.

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## C.C.L. Backs Ross

## LIBERAL UNIONIST IS NOT ENDORSED

"Political action is as essential as economic action" for trade unions," maintained Jack Hampson, president of the Industrial Federation of Labor of Alberta, in addressing the regular meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F. on Tuesday evening. And because the C.C.F. has adopted as part of its political platform social security measures long sought by the trade union movement, he said the Canadian Congress of Labor unions were supporting the C.C.F.

"The Liberal party," he contended, "has felt the sting of political action by Congress and, in my opinion, have deliberately run Fred MacDonald, a local trade unionist, in the Edmonton East constituency in the hope that he can swing a number of labor votes behind the Liberal candidate."

"This," he asserted, "is an admission by the Liberal party that the C.C.F. candidate, McKim Ross, is the most likely to succeed at the polls on June 27."

He pointed out that regardless of the claim made that MacDonald has the support of organized labor, "not one local union affiliated with the Congress has officially endorsed him, even his own Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees. The Edmonton Labor Council, at its last regular meeting, passed a resolution that they would not support the Liberal candidate but would continue to support the policy of the Congress in supporting C.C.F. candidates even though he (MacDonald) is a past president of that organization."

"If labor does not vote C.C.F. in this election, then it makes no difference what other party it votes for because there is no difference," he declared.

## ROSS, MENTZ URGE GREATER SECURITY

"Education is the mainspring of democracy and the present government is doing nothing to wind it up," McKim Ross, C.C.F. candidate in Edmonton East, declared at a meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Tuesday. "The greatest undeveloped natural resource of this country is the youth of this land," said Mr. Ross, "but because their education cannot be sold across the counter at a profit no one is showing much concern. During the war we thought nothing of spending \$30,000 to teach a youth to pilot a plane, yet prior to the war and since, the same government has not spent five cents on federal aid for education."

He pointed out that university education is now getting so expensive that a recent survey shows that while nearly all of the gifted children of the upper wage bracket get to university, practically none of the gifted children of working people receive a higher education. "If this trend continues," he contended, "education will soon become a class distinction and our democratic life sadly impaired. I cannot urge too strongly a system of federal aid and scholarships for the provinces."

Mentz Speaks  
Speaking at the same meeting, Walter Mentz, C.C.F. candidate in Edmonton West, pointed out that the British Labor government builds 250,000 five-room houses per year for low income families and rents them for \$2 per week. It contributes \$50 per unit from general revenue to finance the project on a 60-year amortization plan.

The only reason Canada has no such housing program is because the government refuses to recognize that housing is now a social responsibility, said the Edmonton West candidate.

He drew attention to the fact that Mr. St. Laurent in an address to McGill University Liberal Club on Oct. 28, 1947, said: "No government of which I am a part would ever pass legislation for subsidized housing." He declared he believed it unconstitutional and a threat to democracy.

The Progressive, Conservative and Social Credit aversion to subsidies and planned economy are notorious, Mr. Mentz declared. "The C.C.F. is the only party pledged to a low rental National Housing Plan. The C.C.F. believes that Canada's slums are breeding grounds for Fascism and Communism and a menace to democracy."

"Anyone who denies his neighbor of June 27 provision for a decent home, for security in old age and sickness, because of false fears of Socialism is jeopardizing our democratic way of life."

## ELECTION DAY IGNORED BY S.C. GOVERNMENT

As an indication of Social Credit's disregard for the democratic right to participate in elections, Jack Hampson, president of the Industrial Federation of Labor of Alberta, at a C.C.F. meeting on Tuesday pointed out that the Social Credit government has called a conference of employers and employees on election day, June 27, to discuss labor relations. In spite of the fact that protest was made against holding such a conference on voting day, the Alberta department of Industry and Labor refused to postpone the conference.

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## CALL TO ACTION BY RED DEER WOMEN

Red Deer C.C.F. Women's Committee would like to send greetings to all women of the C.C.F. in Alberta. We urge you to join with us in these last few precious days, by spending a few extra hours and yards among our neighbors and acquaintances explaining our support of the C.C.F. In this way we can help shake the apathetic attitude of so many folk around us. Let us awake, everyone possible to the need of a C.C.F. government in this Canada of ours.

We have met regularly on the first Tuesday of each month, for study and discussion. This is paying big dividends now, as we are working in our own districts in the campaign.

Water Color Paintings  
To wind up our year, we sponsored a showing of Mr. Murray MacDonald's beautiful water color paintings in the I.O.O.F. Hall, last Friday afternoon and evening. Mr. MacDonald is Supervisor of Art in the Edmonton Schools, on the Executive of the Banff School of Fine Arts, a member of the Alberta and Dominion Artists' Associations, and it was a privilege to have him with us for the evening showing. He was accompanied by Mrs. MacDonald and their daughter.

Tea and Home-Cooking  
Tea was served during the afternoon and evening with Mrs. P. H. Galbraith and Mrs. Cyril Ironside presiding at the tea table in the afternoon and Mrs. Jack Osborne during the evening. A table of home-cooking was held in conjunction with the tea.

We found many C.C.F. ladies glad to help with this project, even though not regular attenders of our meetings, and feel this was in itself worthwhile. The proceeds have been donated to the Red Deer C.C.F. Constituency Fund.

—E.T.

## Edmonton East Candidate



McKIM ROSS.

The C.C.F. nominee in Edmonton East, has long been associated with the labor movement working in close co-operation with the trade unions in the Drumheller area when teaching school in the southern part of the province. A graduate of the University of Alberta, he has recently been appointed to the Edmonton teaching staff. Active youth work as well as in the Alberta Teachers' Association, he is a member of the United Church, and superintendent of the Metropolitan United Church Senior Sunday School department. Well known in the sports world, he was the light-heavyweight champion of Northern Alberta in the early '30's and coached the Drumheller All-Star Western Canadian championship team. Enlisting as an ordinary seaman, in the last war, and discharged with the rank of lieutenant, he was engaged in convoy escort, and mine-sweeping operations in the English Channel.

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# C. C. F. Candidate Debates With Blackmore

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down to the cost of service? In other words, that our banks, be run on the same principle as, the post offices without deficits, and without large surplus.

**Banker Won't Give Up Profits**  
I believe he does. In that case, then, how does he expect to coerce the bankers into carrying on their business, since they, like all other privately-owned businesses, are not there for their health, and they are not there because they love serving the people? They are in business for their shareholders. Does Mr. Blackmore think he can persuade them to operate the banks without profit and in the service of the community? Mr. Blackmore is a wonderful orator, but I question whether his oratory can persuade the bankers to give up profits. Are we agreed, Mr. Blackmore, that the Liberal party ought to be turned out of power?

Mr. Blackmore said the other night that he had spent the last fourteen years in parliament trying to educate Liberals; such a waste of time, Mr. Blackmore, surely you should know better than to try to educate them. It just can't be done. Now the C.C.F. plan for the Liberals is to take them out of office. We have reduced them to a nonentity in Ontario, and forced them to join with the Conservatives in the four western provinces. Might I suggest your fourteen years would have been better spent helping the C.C.F. in their task

of unseating the Liberals than for you to waste your time trying to educate Liberals. Why, if you didn't have been a much greater waste of time trying to teach the Conservatives, the unteachable.

Now let's get back to money. I presume you agree that Southern Alberta could support a much higher ratio of industry than what it has. Then under your banking policy how do you expect to bring this about?

## Work Through Co-ops

The C.C.F. policy would be to form co-operatives or crown companies to build in Southern Alberta and use our natural products as a base for manufacturing.

The C.C.F. recognize that an area such as ours, where we have natural gas, coal, oil, we don't know what to do with it, and tremendous water resources if we would develop them, that here is a natural location for industry of all kinds.

The C.C.F. banking policy would make it possible to finance either a co-operative such as the Co-operative Implements Limited to start manufacturing here or failing that set up a crown company for that purpose.

How would it be possible to do this with the Social Credit banking policy?

## Encourage Industry

Coal has become another of the major problems of Southern Alberta. Believing in public ownership as the C.C.F. does, we would bring the C.P.R. under public ownership. This would give us our

own transportation system. We have plenty of coal in Alberta and a big market for coal in Ontario, which is now being supplied from the United States. Since American dollars are scarce, I believe, it would be wise in order to assure that our miners had steady employment and that we keep our railroad employees working, we establish an ore smelting plant at the head of the lakes, where we have large deposits of high-grade ore and another smelting plant in Southern Alberta or Eastern B.C., where we have an abundance of coal. Thus we would have two-way traffic, hauling coal one way and iron ore the other, and with a publicly-owned railway I believe it would be economically sound.

Would the Social Credit banking system be able to solve such a problem?

## Trade With Britain

Trade with Great Britain is a problem that is facing the next government as soon as they are elected. One of two things must be done: Either we must make a substantial loan to Great Britain, so she will have dollars, with which to buy, or we must trade with Britain on a barter basis just as she is trading with Argentina, Poland, Scandinavia, and, yes, even Russia.

The first alternative of a loan to Britain would be a stop-gap at best, and like all other loans would have to be paid eventually in goods, so barter trading we believe to be the only basis of trade that has a possibility of a permanent

solution. Under the C.C.F. financial policy it could be carried out with a minimum of disruption.

The Bank of Canada would merely have to issue credit to finance farm produce from the farm to the purchasing agent for the country in question, and furnish credit again to bring European goods in, and deliver them to our distributing system in Canada. How would Social Credit financial policy bridge this gap? The timber industry is another important industry in Canada, and the C.C.F. financial policy will make it possible for the small lumber companies to get credit to operate just as efficiently as the big ones.

Two hundred and seventy small businesses went broke in Canada in the first three months of this year. Think of it—three, every day of the year including Sunday. The reason given for most of these failures is lack of capital. The C.C.F. say this is economic waste and the situation can only be improved by a more flexible banking system under public ownership. Has Social Credit anything to offer to help small businesses to carry on without the large number of failures and bankruptcies such as we have under our present system.

In the same industry the C.C.F. claims there is a great need for planning in conjunction with furnishing of credit to insure that our children and grandchildren will have some of our natural heritage left when we are through with it. In Sweden under a Social Democratic government, they are today taking out as much lumber as they were 50 years ago. By reforestation and intelligent cutting, the forests remain for future generations, and will yield as much lumber 100 years from now as they do today.

The C.C.F. believe that natural resources were placed here not for the use of a few rich individuals, or especially for the present generation, but for all the people of Canada of

this and future generations and since God endowed us with brains we ought to use them to preserve our natural heritage for future generations as well as ourselves.

Has the Social Credit any better plan for the conservation of our natural resources than the Liberals or Conservatives?

I believe Mr. Blackmore will agree with me when I say that I do not believe we will ever again elect either Liberals or Conservatives from the province of Alberta. We disposed of them in 1921 and they have never been able to make a comeback, and if we can help they never will.

## Time For a Change

I am wondering if Mr. Blackmore wouldn't agree with me that, in this constituency, the question now is whether the people will vote for Blackmore or Scott. As it appears to me that the other two candidates have eliminated themselves. (They were afraid to accept Mr. Blackmore's challenge to debate.)

Whoever you send to Ottawa must not only have an ability to debate in the House of Commons, but must be aggressive to fight for measures to maintain prosperity in the next four years. I hope Mr. Blackmore agrees with this. That will leave us agreeing that the issue in the election is: What change do we want in our economic system? If you don't want any change then you can safely vote for the Liberals or Conservatives, and of course, I would say you won't get any change voting for Social Credit either because if you elected all 27 candidates who are running they still would not have any impact on the banking policies of the dominion.

And now if you are convinced you want a new financial policy for Canada, and if you believe that a degree of planning is necessary to make that financial policy effective, and that you want that policy now, then vote for Scott and the C.C.F.

But if Mr. Blackmore can convince you that he has a better policy of banking, and that his policy can be put into effect sooner than the C.C.F. policy, can, in time to meet the needs of the recession which has already set in, then vote for Mr. Blackmore.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY MUST BE PLANNED

OTTAWA (CPA)—Social security must be paid for out of production, Professor George M. Grube, C.C.F. candidate in Broadway (Toronto) and member of the C.C.F. National Executive, reminded a G.B.C. audience on June 11. He said that the reason why the C.C.F. "can and will" fulfill its promises, and "the old parties cannot," is "because the C.C.F. is prepared to plan our production and distribution to avoid unemployment."

Mr. Grube warned that "the danger signs (of unemployment) are becoming more obvious every day."

The C.C.F. speaker said that national income, from which social security must come, moves up and down with government policies. "Trade policies, housing policies, investment and financing, labor and marketing policies, all these directly affect production, employment and the national income," he said.

**All Along the Line**

"For example, public housing schemes subsidized by the government, which the C.C.F. advocates, will create jobs and incomes for

construction workers for years; and, on the other hand, when the present government suddenly withdrew, i.e. subsidy on coarse grains, farmers found it no longer paid to raise hogs. Government policies thus effect income and production all along the line."

Mr. Grube said that both Liberals and Conservatives refuse to accept the responsibility for planning the economy; because they "will not interfere with Big Business and its waste of our natural resources."

"Only in wartime do they recognize an over-riding social objective," he said. We in the C.C.F. believe that the health and housing needs of our people today are an over-riding social objective also, and that they should come first. To provide for them, the C.C.F. is prepared to curb prices, to reimpose the excess profits tax, to institute the orderly marketing the farmer wants, to extend the field of public business, and to socialize giant monopolies that are new the masters of our economic life."

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# How Good Is the Gallup Poll?

TWO RECENT polls by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion have attempted to forecast the federal voting on June 27. Both are being widely used by the press and especially by the Liberal party during its campaign.

It is likely that a new poll will be published just before June 27. How good an indication of actual political trends are these polls?

### Tories Slipping?

The two polls conducted in late May both favor the Liberals. The first said that 44% of the voters would prefer St. Laurent as prime minister; 20% would prefer Drew, and 12% would prefer Coldwell. Two per cent would prefer various others, while 22% had not made up their minds. The second poll said that 18% of the voters had not decided which way to vote; 40% have decided to vote Liberal; 24% have decided to vote Conservative; 13% have decided to vote C.C.F., and 5% have decided to vote for other parties.

If any conclusions can be drawn from these polls, they do seem to indicate that the Tory party is dropping out of favor during the current campaign and that Mr. Drew himself is unpopular. The Conservative support is said to have dropped from 25% to 24% between April and May, while Drew's personal support is only 20%. This would confirm the confident statement made by Mr. Coldwell and other C.C.F. leaders that the Conservatives are NOT a serious threat and will probably have fewer seats in the next House than they had before.

### C.C.F. Support Concentrated

It is also interesting to see that the 13% support for the C.C.F. is 2% higher than the actual vote cast for this party in the 1945 general election.

The significant thing about C.C.F. support is that it is concentrated in the provinces from Ontario westward, with relatively little support in the large province of Quebec, so that more members are likely to be elected from the C.C.F.'s best areas than the overall figure would suggest.

### Can Be Completely Wrong

These are conclusions to be drawn from the recent polls, if such polls have any validity at all.

But a great many people have grave doubts about them, and rightly so.

Public Opinion Polls have been greatly over-estimated, as those most concerned with them have been forced to admit after several serious blunders. Most startling evidence of their unreliability was in the United States election last November, when all the prominent pollsters, including Gallup, Elmo Roper and Crossley, predicted a Republican landslide instead of a Democratic victory.

Before this, however, "Literary Digest" in the United States destroyed an immense reputation as a forecaster by its complete miscalculation of Democratic chances in the 1936 election. As a result, "Literary Digest" folded overnight.

### Post-Mortem

Commenting on the forecast fiasco last November, Dr. George H. Gallup admitted: "We were wrong," and he pointed out these main reasons why the poll forecasts proved false:

1. The large body of undecided voters were simply counted out by the pollsters. It was wrong to assume that these were the people who would not get out to vote. Many of them did vote, and they were apparently persuaded during the final stages of the campaign to vote for Truman.
  2. A small vote was predicted (as in Canada this time), and it was thought that a small vote would favor the Republicans. Actually, a large vote was cast.
  3. "The chief unpredictable factor is the activity of party workers in getting out the vote." If one party is particularly zealous in getting out its supporters it may easily confound the predictions of the pollsters. So says Dr. Gallup.
- Dr. Gallup concluded that far more had been claimed for the polls

than scientific analysis justified.

### Interview More "Middle Class"

A further factor which tends to make the polls unreliable is pointed out by Lindsay Rogers in a recent book, "The Pollsters". He says that the method followed by most polls (including the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion) is to give each poll-taker a quota of people to interview, broken down into categories according to sex, income, etc. But the poll-takers are allowed to choose the individual cases, and since they themselves are usually "middle class" they tend to approach a disproportionate number of "middle class" people. A white-collar class housewife may have different views than the wife of a factory worker, though both may be bracketed in the same income group. Mr. Rogers gives this as one reason why the U.S. polls have had a consistent bias in favor of the Republicans. The same may quite possibly be true of the polls which favor the old parties in Canada.

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## Personal Stuff

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by Mr. Low. It was said by Hon. John Sanborn, Republican, in the House of Representatives, in Washington. I've just quoted a bit of it. Either Mr. Low and the Gentlemen from Idaho have been reading each other's speeches, or the same books. Mr. Sanborn made a long speech. Except for references to the American situation it might have been lifted from Haysard, from the speeches of Mr. Low or the late Norman Jaques. Some of it, that is. But not the conclusions. Mr. Low and his friends make speeches like the one from which I have quoted to prove that Bretton Woods is "crucifying the people of Canada on a cross of gold," by tying us to the gold standard. But the Hon. John Sanborn of Idaho makes the same kind of a speech to prove that the plotters from the London School of Economics are ruining America by destroying the gold standard.

It was in connection with his bill to put American money on a bimetallic basis, using both gold and silver, that Mr. Sanborn made the speech from which I have quoted. The final words of the bill were: "This act may be cited as the 'Sound Money Act of 1948,' and provides for the early restoration of bimetallicism which time and experience have proven to be the most perfect monetary system the world has ever known."

Well, there you have it. In the American Congress the "sound money" advocates are blaming Laski, Keynes, regimentation, the London School of Economics, Socialism, for "debauching the currency" of the country by insidiously and satanically influencing the United States government to go off the gold standard. That's the way Mr. Sanborn of Idaho has it. But Mr. Low says the same things to prove that the London School of Economics, Laski, Keynes, et al, hatched a plot to put us back on the gold standard! "Sound Money" to the Idaho gentleman in Congress means money backed to the hilt by gold and silver. "Sound Money" to Mr. Low means a money completely divorced from gold and silver. They both use the same argument, and the same brand of hate, as a build-up for their opposite theories. But irresponsible demagoguery is never too particular about consistencies.

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must follow in the search for the good, the just and the right. Funds Urgently Needed

And now, a last reminder. I know that for the past month or more some of you have been saying, "I must send in my campaign contribution!" Some of you sent a donation with the notation, "I'll try to send more a little later." Well—it is "later" now! Please don't delay your good intentions any longer, funds are urgently required to meet obligations already made on the strength of our faith in each other.

Radio, literature, letters, speakers' expenses, the maintenance of our provincial and national organization all add up to "money needed!" The C.C.F. has fought this campaign on less money than the other parties are putting into some single constituencies alone! But they don't have to depend on donations from the people themselves—the C.C.F. does, for it is the people's own party.

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So, number 7 on the "final preparations test" list is:

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## Hits Liberal

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In this election Saskatchewan, he said, was willing to pay its share of a \$50 pension if the Dominion government would agree to raise the pension to this figure and sign such an agreement. In Saskatchewan pensioners were provided with free hospital, dental, medical and optical care, as well as drugs.

Mr. Coldwell was strongly critical of the Liberals for not lowering the pensionable age limit or eliminating the means test. There is no means test in the case of family allowances, which are added to income for income tax purposes, he said. Why then, he asked, should there be a means test in the case of the old folk. The C.C.F. proposed that pensions be paid to all eligible persons without a means test.

He went on to explain that the "old parties" never really liked old age pensions. He recalled that it was when the late J. S. Woodsworth and A. A. Heaps held the balance of power that Mackenzie King reluctantly agreed to introduce old age pensions legislation, and "consider" the inauguration of unemployment insurance, and wrote a letter to Mr. Woodsworth to that effect. He "considered" unemployment insurance for 14 years before putting it into effect, said the speaker.

Act as a Prod  
"Every important piece of social legislation on the statute books," he contended, "has been proposed and popularized by the C.C.F. and no other party." The Liberals take credit for it, but we

were the ones who forced it on an unwilling government."

He noted also that the Liberals proposed a health plan in 1946 and were today making exactly the same health promises, "trusting to the short memories of the people." The C.C.F., he said, proposed a national health insurance plan guaranteeing to our people health, services from the cradle to the grave, as free as the public schools are to children.

## Urges Financial

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price for municipal bonds, then there is no free enterprise, no competition, and no service to the people," Mr. Coldwell averred. "The Dominion government, in the light of these facts, has a responsibility to have the whole matter investigated under the Combines Investigation Act. If such an investigation is not carried out immediately, the federal government will be guilty of hiding the facts on an outrageous affront to the people of Vancouver by powerful financial interests."

Won't Finance Local Dealers

"Not only did the 6 chartered banks join in a syndicate with 22 investment dealers, but," Mr. Coldwell said he was informed that "other local bond dealers protested that they could not bid because no bank would finance them. The bid offered Vancouver was very much lower than that offered the same city 6 months earlier, and hence when only one bid was made, the city was forced to sustain a substantial monetary loss."

"This," he said, "is an example of the growing domination of Canadian life by powerful industrial and financial interests whose economic dictatorship may one day lead us to political dictatorship as well."

"The C.C.F. believes the economy should be made to serve the people and we would bring the chartered banks under public ownership in order to break the power of financial monopolies and bring currency and credit under the control of all the people whom it should serve."

## Lay-Offs in B.C.

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Arthur Turner in Vancouver, Ernest Winch in Burnaby, and Ran Harding in Kaslo-Slocan.

With 2,144 of the province's 2,421 polls reported on June 16, a Canadian Press tabulation showed:

Coalition ..... 398,664 261,147  
C.C.F. .... 224,135 175,960  
Others ..... 21,163 30,640

The emptiness of the Coalition "more jobs" promise was startlingly exposed on June 16,

the day after the vote. While workmen and sign painters were busy obliterating the Coalition's promise from the billboards, two Vancouver department stores were laying off 350 employees and an newspaper announcement revealed the closing of a big pulp mill at Woodfibre, in Bert Gravatt's former riding. Another mill is to close in July at Port Alice. Well, P. T. Barnum said it!

Three-Way Fights

Although there is nothing to cheer about in the June 15 figures, C.C.F. federal candidates are expected to come through on June 27, as 15 of the 18 federal seats in B.C. will have three-way fights. C.C.F. candidates have been placed in each of the 18 constituencies. Liberals have nominated in 15 and the Tories in 16.

As in the provincial campaign, the C.C.F. is severely handicapped through lack of funds but zealous workers are redoubting their efforts to win victories in nine or ten ridings on June 27.

Although it was the C.C.F. that was largely responsible for gaining the franchise of the native Indians, they did not get their votes. Premier Byron Johnson's success played the "Great White Father."

## S.C. Polls Less

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seats in the next House of Commons than they did on April 30 when the House was dissolved. Never, he said, has anyone made as many promises in as many places as Mr. Drew. He pointed to Duplessis' disgraceful record in the field of labor and social services as well as to the dangerous anti-democratic trend in Quebec under the Duplessis regime.

The Drew-Duplessis combination was the real threat to the free institutions of our country, he contended.

He referred to the fact that Social Credit leader Solon Low, "who loves to talk about Christian democracy, characterizes all of us who do not accept the sentimentalitarian ideas of Major Douglas as anti-Christian." Mr. Coldwell said he didn't prate about Christianity and religion from the public platform, but, he observed, "I know of no movement which is more in conformity with the teachings of the Founder of Christianity than democratic Socialism. The fundamentals of both Christianity and Socialism are the same in this respect—that they both heed the admonition: 'Bear ye one another's burdens.' That is the meaning of the C.C.F. pension and health plan," he contended.

"When I hear Low and others arrogate to themselves 'Christian

democracy,' a deep resentment rises in me. There are good Conservatives who are good Christians, good Liberals who are good Christians and good Social Crediters who are good Christians. No political party has a monopoly of Christianity in it although some of us apply our Christianity more deeply than others."

## 50,000 More

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basis of the old parties running separately, the C.C.F. might have been not only the largest group but sufficiently large to form the government. The well-financed Coalitionists conducted a vicious campaign against the C.C.F. and the people of British Columbia succumbed to this campaign of fear, he declared.

"Phony Differences"

Mr. Coldwell explained that when the two old parties get together, and he was glad to see them do so, the C.C.F. might have a setback for a little while. Fundamentally, he said, the two old parties have the same interests "but they have fooled the people of this country with their phony differences." He went on to say that in spite of the fact that the Coalition caused a loss of C.C.F. seats, "every time they get together we are a little nearer, first to the official opposition and then to the government."

Whether as the government or as the opposition, he said, the C.C.F. will "continue along the path the people of Canada have set for us, until we have laid this foundation for a better country than you and I have ever known."

"There will be no coalition with the C.C.F.," Mr. Coldwell promised. "We stand for a principle. This movement will produce the leaders who will form the government of Canada along the path of justice and progress fighting for the common man and farmers in order that we and our children will have a better deal and better life than we ourselves have ever known."

## LIVING COSTS ARE CLIMBING AGAIN

OTTAWA (CPA)—Cost-of-living indexes for six of eight regional cities showed increases during April, according to the Canadian Bureau of Statistics. The Dominion cost of living also showed an increase.

	April 1	May 1
Halifax	194.9	194.7
Montreal	162.3	162.4
Saint John	155.9	156
Quebec	161.9	161.7
Toronto	164.8	165
Winnipeg	153.8	154.7
Saskatoon	161.8	161.7
Edmonton	164.3	165.1
Vancouver	160.5	161.1
Dominion	158	158.2

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